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SUBJECT: TRIAL OF ARAB TERRORISTS-5 TH & 6TH SESSIONS, APRIL 1 & 8

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1. TRIAL CONTINUED APRIL 1 AND 8 WITH NO SURPRISES AND NO INCIDENTS. JUDGE RULED AGAINST ALL DEFENSE MOTIONS DESCRIBED REFTEL.

2. TESTIMONY BY POLICE INFORMANT CONSISTENT WITH PREVIOUS TESTIMONY, BUT OTHER ARAB WITNESSES CALLED BY PROSECUTION REVISED OR DENIED PREVIOUS STATEMENTS, CLAIMING CONFUSION, FATIGUE AND POOR INTERPRETER HAD CAUSED MISUNDERSTANDINGS. JUDGE CHALLENGED REVISIONS AND ASKED IF WITNESSES BEING PRESSURED, WHICH THEY DENIED. POLICE INFORMANT QUOTED DEFENDANT SALEM TO EFFECT THAT ALL DEFENDANTS WERE MEMBERS OF BLACK SEPTEMBER AND WERE TO HAVE TRIED TO ESCAPE VIA EAST BERLIN WITH HELP OF EAST GERMAN POLICE AND BLACK SEPTEMBER OFFICE. MOTIVE FOR OPERATION WAS TO AROUSE GERMAN AUTHORITIES TO PREVENT ARABS FROM OBTAINING ASYLUM IN WEST BERLIN AND FRG.

3. IN VIEW PROLONGED AND ROUTINE PROGRESS OF TRIAL AND BARRING SENSATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS, SUBSEQUENT SESSIONS WILL BE REPORTED PERIODICALLY BY AIRGRAM.

4. USCOB CONCURS.KLEIN

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